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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the following updates for the construction project on John Deere Road/IL 5 near 38th Street east of I-74. There will be lane closures on John Deere Road each night this week from 9 PM in the evening until 6 AM the next morning.

The final paving on 41st Drive west of 38th Street will be completed and the roadway open on Wednesday, November 19th. This will allow traffic from the Rock Valley Shopping Center to access the new bridge over John Deere Road.

On Friday morning, November 21, there will be major changes to the 38th Street at John Deere Road intersection. All left turn lanes will be closed, the median crossing on IL 5 will be closed, and the traffic signals will be turned off and removed.

Westbound IL 5 vehicles that currently turn left on 38th Street to access the Rock Valley Shopping Center will need to turn right on 38th Street and use the new bridge to get to the shopping center. People leaving the shopping center to go west toward I-74 will need to use the new 41st Drive and the new bridge over IL 5 and can then make a right turn from 38th Street onto westbound IL 5.

Eastbound traffic on John Deere Road that currently turns left on 38th Street to go to Coaltown Road will need to turn right on 38th Street and use the new bridge to get to Coaltown Road.

The intersection changes are part of the \$16.2 million contract to make improvements to the 38th Street intersection and construct the overpass over John Deere Road. McCarthy Improvement Company is the contractor for the project. Construction work in the area will continue as Coaltown Road north of IL 5 will be reconstructed during the spring and early summer of 2015. The project is scheduled to be completed in August 2015. Drivers should be alert for the changing traffic patterns and drive carefully through the area.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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